

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 671

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A RESOLUTION to honor North Sumner Elementary School on the occasion of its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary educational institutions that have made significant contributions, through an abiding commitment to excellence, to their respective communities and to this State; and

WHEREAS, North Sumner Elementary School is most assuredly one such noteworthy establishment; over the past fifty years, North Sumner has produced outstanding graduates who have excelled in all walks of life and has remained a pillar of educational excellence since its beginning in 1959; and

WHEREAS, located near the corner of Fairfield Road and North Sumner Road in the Brackentown/Oak Grove community, North Sumner Elementary School opened in 1959 under the leadership of Principal Oscar Perry; and

WHEREAS, opening as one of the smallest schools in Sumner County, North Sumner was a rural school serving 200 students in grades 1-8 with just ten classrooms, a gymnasium, and a cafeteria; in 1997, six new classrooms, a library, and additional restrooms were added; and

WHEREAS, recent renovations to the now sixteen-acre campus of North Sumner Elementary School were completed in 2009, which added four more classrooms, expanded the cafeteria to double its original size, and converted a classroom to a permanent computer lab; and

WHEREAS, currently enjoying the leadership of Principal Terry Herndon, who is in his twentieth year at the school, North Sumner celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on October 24, 2009,

as part of the annual Fall Festival, with staff wearing specially designed shirts that read, "North Sumner Elementary Goes for the Gold."; and

WHEREAS, as the observation of North Sumner Elementary School's 50th Anniversary Celebration was a historic and joyous community event, the members of this body find it appropriate to pause to recognize and mark this auspicious occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate North Sumner Elementary School's student body, alumni, faculty, and staff on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, as they continually work to improve upon the education of Tennessee's pupils and support their community and this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.